



**City of Seattle**  
Mayor Jenny A. Durkan

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March 20, 2019

The Honorable Monica Martinez Simmons  
Seattle City Clerk  
600 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear City Clerk Martinez Simmons,

Ordinance 108333 (the Investigations Ordinance) requires the Chief of Police to audit select police files maintained exclusively for confidential information. This information was obtained through the Police Department's membership in the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit (LEIU) and the Western States Information Network (WSIN). Chief of Police Best has submitted the latest audit report and indicates that she found no violations during the audit process.

Ordinance 108333 further requires that "The Mayor shall certify the report as final audit to the City Council, the City Attorney, and the City Clerk for filing as a public record."

I am hereby forwarding to you and certifying as final, the Audit Report prepared by the Chief of Police.

Sincerely,

Jenny A. Durkan  
Mayor of Seattle

Attachment: Chief of Police Audit, February 2019

Copy: Bruce A. Harrell, Seattle City Council President  
Pete Holmes, Seattle City Attorney



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Seattle Police Department

## Hand Deliver

February 27, 2019  
The Honorable Jenny A. Durkan  
Mayor of Seattle  
City Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Seattle, Washington 98104

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Dear Mayor Durkan:

This report regarding my audit of certain Police Department files is sent to you pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 14.12 (the Investigations Ordinance), specifically Section 14.12.320C.

### AUDIT CONCLUSIONS

The audit was completed on February 26th, and concerned the specific files described below. I found the Seattle Police Department to be in compliance with the pertinent sections of the Ordinance. An inspection of the files and records revealed: (a) no violations of the Ordinance, and (b) a good faith effort by the officers of this Department to comply with the Ordinance in all respects.

Specifically, I confirmed that the Department has complied with the mandates of Ordinance Section 14.12.320C, which require that:

- (1) "...All information designated for audit by the Chief shall meet all the provisions of this chapter controlling the collection, receipt and/or transmittal of information.
- (2) Only information regarding organized criminal activity obtained by a designated departmental LEIU representative, or information regarding criminal narcotics activity obtained by a designated departmental WSIN representative, from designated LEIU or WSIN representatives, respectively, in other agencies, will be audited under this subsection by the Chief. All other information collected from outside agencies will be subject to audit by the appointed Auditor.
- (3) "Organized criminal activity" is defined as conduct that relates to a continuing enterprise engaged in solely for the purpose of obtaining monetary gain wholly or in part through racketeering, vice, narcotics, gambling, fencing, or similar criminal activity.
- (4) "Criminal narcotics activity" is defined as conduct that relates to the illegal manufacture, transportation, distribution, or sale of narcotics or other controlled substances.
- (5) All information designated for audit by the Chief shall be filed separate from other Department files.
- (6) Access to the information designated for audit by the Chief shall be limited to police officers specifically designated by the Chief of Police."

### LAW ENFORCEMENT INTELLIGENCE UNIT (LEIU) FILES

The Department's Criminal Intelligence Section maintains the LEIU files. The LEIU files are made up of two kinds of records:

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1. ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS - Those LEIU correspondence items, which deal with membership, training, and other purely administrative topics. No criminal documents or reference to specific individuals are retained in this category.
2. CRIMINAL CORRESPONDENCE - All other correspondence that contains or references criminal matters or specific individuals are listed under this category, including other agency correspondence.

**LEIU**

<u>Document Type</u>	<u>Total Audited</u>	<u>Received from LEIU this period</u>
Administrative Documents	30	0
Criminal Correspondence	0	0

There are currently 30 audited items being retained\*\* in the LEIU files. (Document totals vary due to periodic purging.)

**WESTERN STATES INFORMATION NETWORK (WSIN) FILES**

The Department's Criminal Intelligence Section maintains the WSIN files. The WSIN files are made up of three kinds of records:

1. ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS - Those WSIN/Department correspondence items which deal with membership and other purely administrative topics. No criminal documents or references to specific individuals are retained in this category.
2. CRIMINAL CORRESPONDENCE - Correspondence that contains or references criminal matters or specific individuals are retained in this category.
3. INFORMATIONAL BULLETINS - Training-type informational bulletins published by WSIN, includes various subject matters of interest to investigators.

**WSIN**

<u>Document Types</u>	<u>Total Audited</u>	<u>Received from WSIN this period*</u>
Administrative Documents	23	4
Criminal Correspondence	117	39
Informational Bulletins	36	7

There are currently 176 audited items being retained\*\* in the WSIN files. (Document totals vary due to periodic purging.)

Copies of the bylaws for the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit (LEIU) and the Western States Information Network (WSIN) were filed with previous audit reports.

Sincerely,



Carmen Best  
Chief of Police

\* Received via USPS or electronically

\*\* Retained only if deemed applicable to the Seattle Police Department